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Applicant: WINFRIED MAIER
Serial No.: 09/763,199 Group Art Unit: 3681
Filed: APRIL 25, 2001 Examiner: David D. LE
Title: SYNCHRONIZING DEVICE FOR A SHIFT TRANSMISSION

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER RCE and
REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated March 27, 2003.

Applicant submits that the RCE that was submitted on January 21, 2003, was submitted in error. In that regard, Applicant requests a refund of the \$750.00 RCE fee that was paid, in connection with the above-identified patent application on January 21, 2003.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

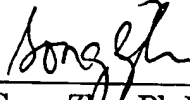
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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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